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1. Major Martens delivered the latest in a series of indoctrination lectures for industrial experts employed by SMA at Karlshorst 10 May. He expressed his surprise at the large participation in the SED-sponsored May Day celebration in Berlin and interpreted it as a good omen for the future. Martens explained the Russian traffic control measures with the usual propaganda line.
2. Martens announced that the food situation in the Russian Zone is grave and that extreme frugality will be necessary to avert a crisis that would furnish the other powers with good propaganda arguments. Russia itself is not in a position to supply any large amount of foodstuffs without re-introducing food rationing at home. The latter step is unthinkable after the privations the Russian people have suffered.
3. Martens ordered all his hearers to maintain a close supervision on the use of raw materials in the factories under their control. He pointed out that no additional raw materials can be expected until an agreement has been reached in southeastern Europe. In reply to a question from the audience, Martens stated that the SMA has no intention of ceding any part of the Russian Zone to another eastern power. He suggested that part of Upper Silesia, now under Polish control, might be included in a special "sphere of influence". This would not mean that German citizens would be allowed to return to this area, but it should nevertheless be advantageous for Germany.
4. Martens stated that the SMA does not regard the founding of a National Democratic Party as an ideal solution, especially since no confusion with a party of the same name in Bavaria (sic) is desired. The nominal Pgs must be given an opportunity to participate in politics again, but there must be guarantees against the reestablishment of a fascist group. For this reason all members of the new party will be kept under surveillance by suitable agents and the latter will receive special assignments. Martens expressed his gratification that the columns set up in the West are functioning well and his expectation that larger actions may be undertaken in the course of the summer.

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5. In reply to a question, Martens pointed out that Berlin cannot afford separate currencies in the different sectors; accordingly the SIA is endeavoring to obtain approval of one single power in Berlin so that a currency reform by this one power can extend throughout the city. The Volkskongress and plebiscite are planned to allow the people to choose the party which they wish to govern Berlin. No one believes now that unanimity in German problems can be achieved as long as the other powers have other intentions.

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